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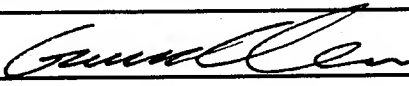
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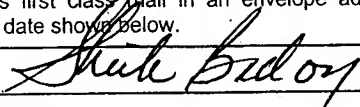
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	Art Unit	2615	
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Application Number	10/023,264
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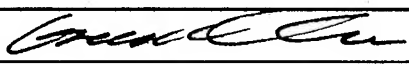
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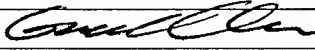
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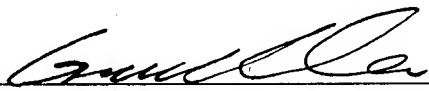
TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the formal drawings (Figures 1 through 4), 3 sheets for filing in the above-identified patent application.

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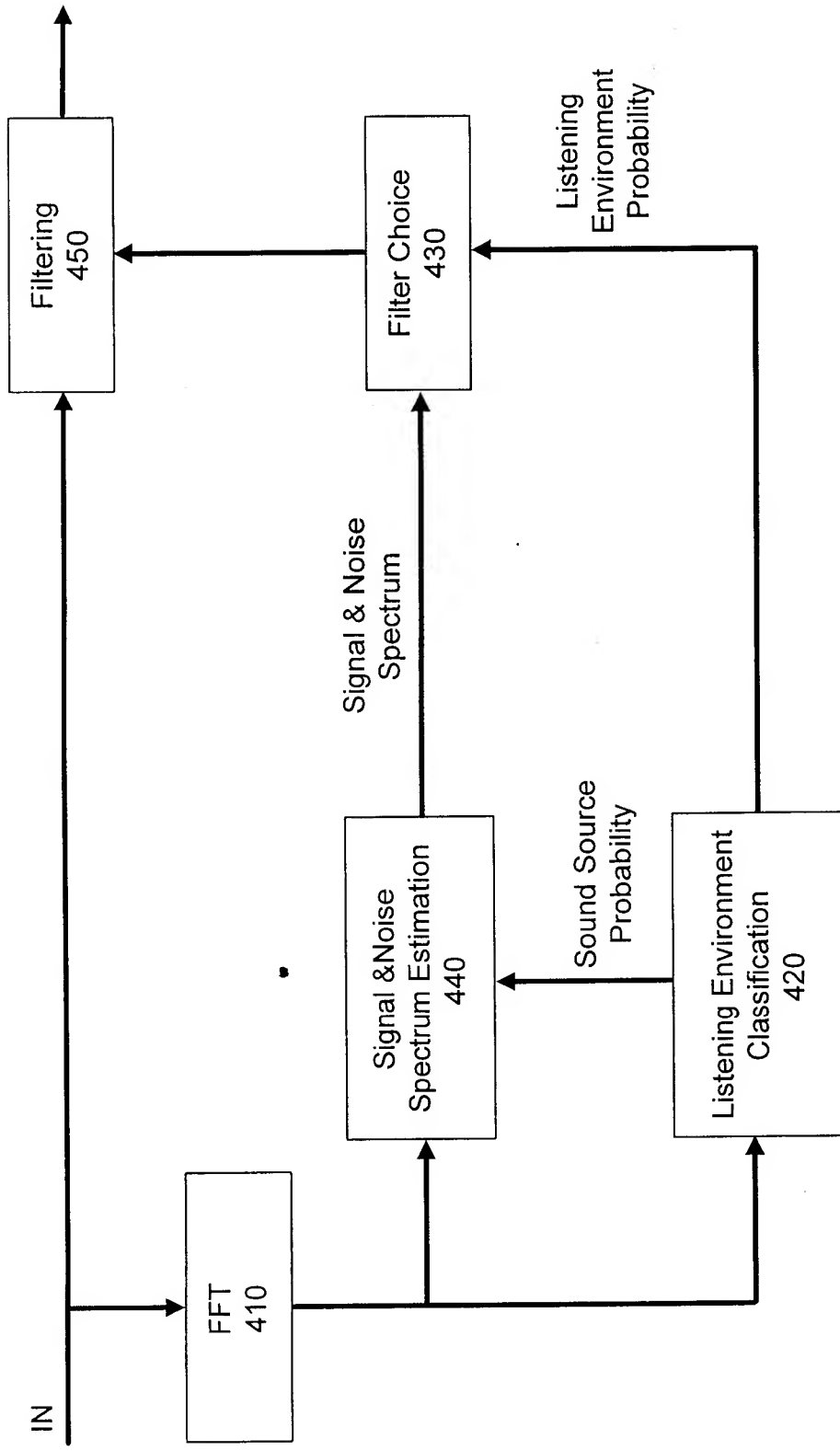


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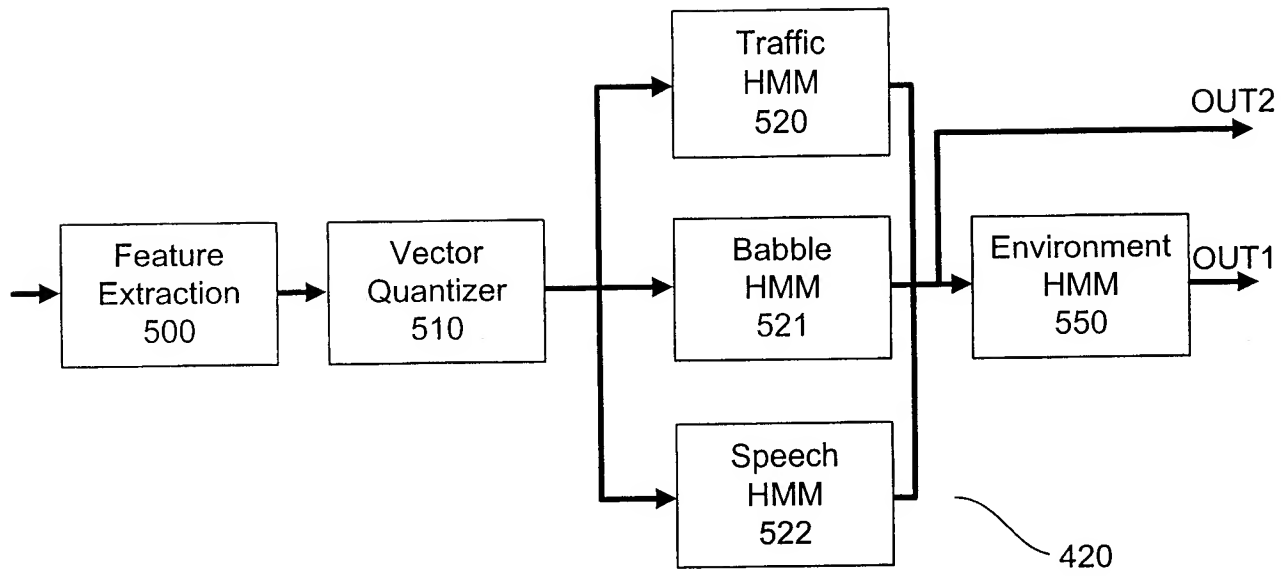


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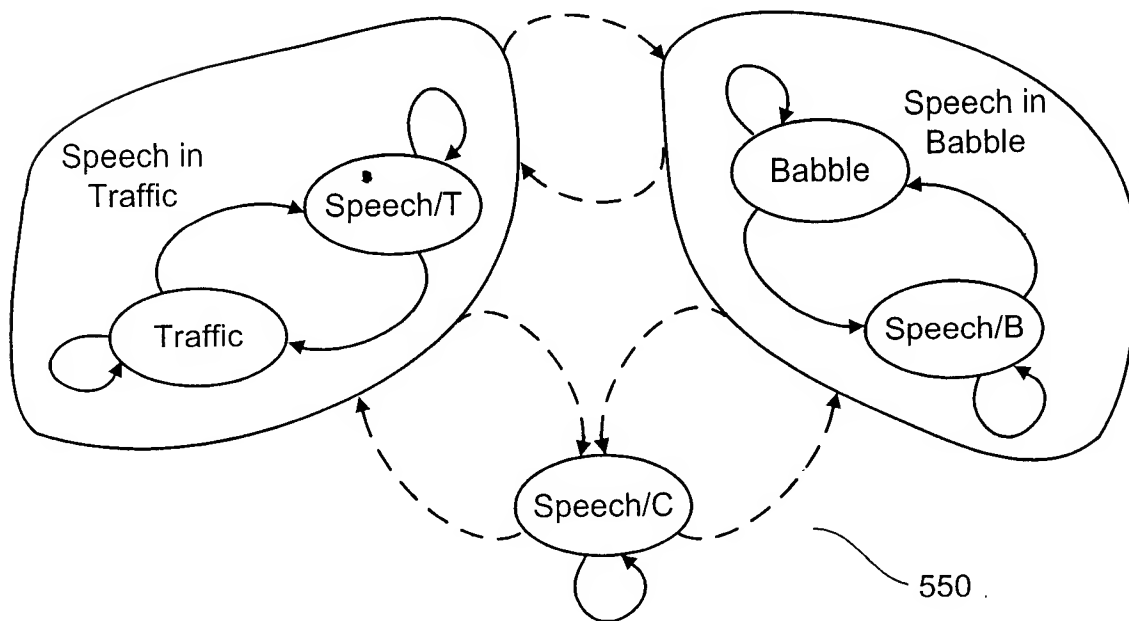


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